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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Senate

Monday, November 28, 2022

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MAZIE K. HIRONO, a Senator from the State of Hawaii.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God of might and miracles, You are our defense. You are our shelter and Savior. You give daily victories to those who trust You. Because of You, our Nation continues to be blessed.

We thank You for Your greatness and understanding. Thank You for Your kindness, for being slow to anger and full of constant love.

Lord, meet the needs of our Senators as they seek to serve humanity. Be near to them as they work, and guide their thoughts as they deliberate.

Show us Your compassion and hear our prayers. Protect all who love Your providential leading, and fill us with Your joy.

We pray in Your merciful Name.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President protempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{President pro tempore,} \\ \textit{Washington, DC, November 28, 2022.} \end{array}$

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MAZIE K. HIRONO, a Senator from the State of Hawaii, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore.

Ms. HIRONO thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT— Resumed

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 8404, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 8404) to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and ensure respect for State regulation of marriage, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Schumer (for Baldwin) amendment No. 6487, in the nature of a substitute.

Schumer amendment No. 6488 (to amendment No. 6487), to add an effective date.

Schumer amendment No. 6489 (to amendment No. 6488), to add an effective date.

Schumer motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions, Schumer amendment No. 6490, to add an effective date.

Schumer amendment No. 6491 (to (the instructions) amendment No. 6490), to add an effective date.

Schumer amendment No. 6492 (to amendment No. 6491), to add an effective date. $\,$

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

THANKSGIVING

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, first, let me welcome you and all of my colleagues back to the Senate. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by loved ones and a lot of good food.

For the Schumer household, the Thanksgiving holiday this year was a bittersweet occasion. It was 1 year ago this past week that we said goodbye to my father, Abe Schumer, after a very long and rich life. Not a day goes by that I don't miss him, and to celebrate my first Thanksgiving without him at the table is a reminder to never take the blessings of life for granted. But life goes on, the circles of life go on, and we also celebrated my 4-year-old grandson's birthday on the day before

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

